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To Whom It May Concern:

Referring to the above Docket Numbers, we, the undersigned, as officers and representatives of our 1200 members, request that the FDA acknowledge the connection between the treatment of chickens in factory farm conditions and the resulting contamination of eggs and chickens. These diseases also extend to infection in human beings. The FDA should ban the practice of forced molting to produce more eggs since the immune systems of the animals thereby become compromised, leading to diseases such as salmonella and listeriosis which are harmful not only to chickens but also to human beings.

Please act on the petition of April, 1998 as soon as possible.

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